

II. Remarks

Claims 2-10 and 13-22 were pending in this application. Claims 8 and 9 are allowed. Claims 2-7, 10, and 13-17 were rejected and claims 18-22 were objected to. The present amendment cancels claims 2-7, 10, and 13-17 adds new claims 23-25, and amends claims 18, 19, 21, and 22 to more particularly point out and clarify Applicant's invention. After this amendment, claims 8, 9, and 18-25 will be pending.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for her correspondence with Daniel P. Dailey on December 2, 2008 regarding canceling claim 13 to facilitate expedited prosecution of this case in light of the advisory action. The amendments made herein are in response to the office action, the advisory action and to the Examiner's suggestion from her correspondence.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thankfully acknowledges the Examiner's allowance of claims 8 and 9 as well as the Examiner's indication of the allowability of claims 18-22 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, claim 18 has been re-presented in independent form, including the limitations of former claim 10. Applicant notes that with respect to the location of the outwardly directed mounting flange, the limitation "at a lower end" of the outer cylinder is deleted as it is an unnecessary limitation.

Likewise, claims 21 and 22 have been re-presented in independent form, including the limitations of former claims 7 and 10. Applicant notes that claims 21 and 22 recite that the outer hollow cylindrical guide includes a mounting flange and wherein the abutment face is provided by the mounting flange. Thus, claims 18, 21, and 22 are now in condition for allowance as well as dependent claims 19, 20, and 23-25, which generally depend from allowable claims 8, 18, 21, and 22.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present form of the claims are patentably distinguishable over the art of record and that this application is now in condition for allowance. Such action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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